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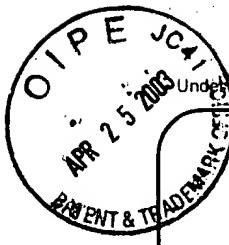
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| 1203 | 280 | 2203 | 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 1204 | 84 | 2204 | 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
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| | | 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| | | 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for reexamination | |
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| | | 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
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